

## The Bang for YOUR Buck!

Thank you for supporting Michigan's wildlife! Your hunting license and your wildlife license plate dollars allow us to receive important federal funding. Combined, this funding helps us secure the future of Michigan's wildlife. It also helps enhance wildlife recreation opportunities across the state.

#### Our focus in 2019 - 2020 is:

- 1. Continuing to maintain high-quality wildlife habitat
  - We do this on public land by:
    - Updating and executing State Game Area master plans
    - Implementing the Blue Ribbon Panel State Game Area recommendations
    - Working with Forest Resource Division on wildlife habitat management in the State Forest system
    - Maintaining and promoting use of managed waterfowl hunting areas
    - Administering the Wetland Mitigation Banking Program
    - Working with partners on the Adopt-a-Game-Area program
    - Maintaining the Grouse Enhanced Management Sites (GEMS)
    - Maintaining and enhancing Michigan Pheasant Restoration Initiative grassland sites
    - Purchasing additional land in areas with scarce public access
  - We help private landowners by:
    - Administering wildlife habitat partner grants and agreements (Michigan.gov/DNRGrants)
      - Deer Private Land Assistance Network (Northern Lower Peninsula)
      - Deer Habitat Improvement (Upper Peninsula)
      - Wildlife Habitat (Statewide)
    - Promoting the Hunting Access Program in targeted areas (Michigan.gov/HAP)
    - · Partnering with Conservation Districts to implement Farm Bill priorities
    - Updating the web-based Managing Michigan's Wildlife Landowner's Guide

# 2. Enhancing and promoting wildlife recreation opportunities through partner-led initiatives, including:

- Turkey Tracts (Michigan.gov/TurkeyTracts)
- MI Birds (like us on FaceBook)
- Michigan Wildlife Cooperatives (MUCC.org)
- On-The-Ground Program (MUCC.org)
- Managed waterfowl area spring and fall tours (Michigan.gov/WetlandWonders)
- Michigan Pheasant Restoration Initiative (Michigan.gov/Pheasant)
- Michigan Pheasant Hunters' Initiative
- Grouse Enhanced Management Sites (Michigan.gov/GEMS)
- Michigan Operation Freedom Outdoors (MiOFO.org)

## 3. Understanding the distribution and mitigating the impacts of wildlife diseases, including:

- Chronic wasting disease in deer (Michigan.gov/CWD)
- Bovine tuberculosis in deer (Michigan.gov/BovineTB)
- West Nile virus in birds (Michigan.gov/WestNileVirus)
- White-nose syndrome in bats (Michigan.gov/EmergingDiseases)

### 4. Providing national leadership in wildlife research

# 5. Developing and disseminating teacher-led wildlife education programs (Michigan.gov/Wildlife)

### 6. Responding to or providing guidance related to human/wildlife conflicts



